C.C.I's unit at Yerragunta in Andhra Pradesh

1287. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the unit of the Cement Corporation of India at Yerragunta in Andhra Pradesh is running in losses;

(b) if so, year-wise details of losses incurred during the last three years together with the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent losess in the unit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) The Unit, which was running in losses upto 1989-90, has earned cash profit of Rs. 302 lakhs during 1990-91 and Rs. 135 lakhs during 1991-92 (upto January, 1992).

Performance of public sector enterprises

1288. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently revieweo the performance of public sector enterprises;

(b) if so, what are the details regarding profits earned by the public sector enterprises during the last six months;

(c) in what manner these profits compare with those of the corresponding period of last year; and

(d) what are the reasons for variation, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The overall working results during first six months of 1991-92 showed a net profit of Rs. 356.28 crores (183 enterprises) against a net profit of Rs. 481.28 crores (181 enterprises) during the corresponding period in 1990-91.

(d) The main reasons for variation are—fall in crude oil production, escalation in input costs, low capacity utilisation, outdated plant and machinery, shortage of power, excess manpower etc.

Industrial Growth centres in Tamil Nadu

1289. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu Government have recently sent proposals to the Central Government for the formation of three new industrial growth centres in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, by when the approval for the formation of these centre is likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE I THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTR (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) and (b) Government of Tamil Nadu had sent proposals for selection of 3 growth centres allotted to the State under the growth centres scheme. Locations of the Centres at Erode (Periyar District), Mayiladuthurai—Poompuhar (Thanjavur District), Tirunelveli—Gangai Kondan Nanur Block (Tirunelveli— Kattabmmam District) were approved.